

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MINBURN TELEPHONE COMPANY AND MINBURN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. WRU-00-19-430
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**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER**

(Issued September 21, 2000)

On March 24, 2000, Minburn Telephone Company (Minburn) and Minburn Telecommunications, Inc. (Minburn Telecom), filed a request with the Utilities Board (Board) to waive the requirements of 199 IAC 22.8. Minburn Telecom is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minburn. Minburn and Minburn Telecom state that they wish to establish extended area service (EAS) between the two exchanges where they provide service. The rule requires for the non-toll interexchange trunking service (EAS) that the two companies undertake survey procedures, EAS studies, and follow certain other requirements.

Minburn and Minburn Telecom assert that the additional EAS service would relate only to adjacent exchanges and that the two companies have similar service requirements and characteristics. They assert that EAS between the exchanges would be beneficial to customers of these exchanges and there would be no change in the rates of either exchange with the addition of EAS. Without the waiver the

companies state that they would have unnecessary expense and administrative burdens.

The Board finds that the waiver request should be granted. Providing EAS between the exchanges where Minburn and Minburn Telecom provide service would be a benefit to customers and there will be no rate increase as a result of the service. The requirements are to ensure that there is sufficient customer interest in the service before they have to pay for the service. In this instance, where there is no rate increase there is good cause to waive the requirements of the rule.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request for a waiver of 199 IAC 22.8, filed by Minburn Telephone Company and Minburn Telecommunications, Inc., on March 24, 2000, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2000.